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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN COUNCIL

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1. SUPPLEMENTING CITED REPORTS OF EUROPEAN COUNCIL  
NOV. 29 AND 30 AT THE HAGUE, AN MFA OFFICIAL WHO WAS ON  
THE MARGINS OF MEETING HAS GIVEN EMBOFF FOLLOWING VIEWS:

2. SESSION WAS FRUSTRATING AND "HOLLOW" FOR A NUMBER OF  
REASONS. PRIMARY REASON FOR DELAY IN CIEC MINISTERIAL  
WAS TO WITHHOLD FROM OPEC ARGUMENTATION FOR OIL PRICE  
INCREASE. ALMOST AS IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, WAS ASSERTION  
PUSHED BY SCHMIDT AND GISCARD THAT THERE WAS LITTLE POINT  
IN PROCEEDING FURTHER UNTIL THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION  
IS IN THE SADDLE AND ITS VIEWS ARE KNOWN.

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3. MAJOR POINT OF DISCUSSIONS RE TINDEMANS REPORT WOULD HAVE BEEN DIRECT ELECTIONS TO EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. HOWEVER GISCARD LET IT BE KNOWN BEFOREHAND THAT HE MUST HAVE TIME TO GRAPPLE WITH THAT ISSUE DOMESTICALLY. GISCARD WANTS TO FIGHT FOR IT WITH THREE POINTS IN MIND: HE WANTS TO BE SEEN STILL AMONG THOSE PUSHING FOR A CLOSER-KNIT EUROPE, THE PARLIAMENT IS ADVISORY ONLY AND THEREFORE PRESENTS NO THREAT TO FRENCH SOVEREIGN INTERESTS, AND LAST, IT IS AN ISSUE WHICH WILL TEND TO SPLIT THE SOCIALIST/COMMUNIST FRONT IN FRANCE, FORCING THE PCF TOWARD THE GAULLIST CAMP AND THE SOCIALISTS TOWARD EUROPE.

4. BUT THE TINDEMANS REPORT IS ON THE SHELF, NOT DEAD. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, THE COUNCIL APPROVED A "RELATION" (TO AVOID "REPORT") ON THE TINDEMANS REPORT, COMPRISING A LISTING OR CATALOGUING OF VARIOUS PROJECTS OR PROGRAMS WHICH APPEAR TO HAVE REASONABLE PROSPECTS FOR BEING IMPLEMENTED IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS. THE COUNCIL DECIDED NOT TO PUBLISH THE "RELATION", APPARENTLY INTENDING TO USE IT AS A SORT OF CHECK-LIST OF THINGS WHICH MIGHT BE DONE IN THE REASONABLY NEAR FUTURE IN THE INTEREST OF PROGRESS TOWARDS UNITY. BEAUDRY

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